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## QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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1. Question by Mr ADAM (H-436/80)

Subject: Regional Policies

Has there been any joint discussion between the Commission and the British Government regarding the proposals to modify regional status within the United Kingdom and in particular the proposal to downgrade the regional status of the North East of England?

2. Question by Lord BETHELL (H-578/80)

Subject : Air tariffs in the Community

Is the Commission aware that my complaint against the fixing of airline tariffs for flights within the European Community, contrary to Article 90 of the Treaty of Rome, was issued under the Form "C" procedure on May 2nd, 1980? Is it normal for the Commission to take more than six months to reply to such complaints; are they able to announce now when my complaint will be answered, what other discussions have they had on this question of air tariffs and what action do they propose?

3. Question by Mr PRICE (H-607/80)

Subject : Possible New Gas Reserves

Are the Commission investigating the theory put forward by Professor Thomas Gold, Director of the Center for Radiophysics and Space Research and Professor of Astronomy at Cornell University, USA, that abundant supplies of methane gas could be found by deep drilling and, if so, will they consider proposing Community financial support for the cost of just over 30 m EUA required to drill 10 experimental deepwells?

4. Question by Mr PATTERSON (H-609/80)

Subject : Transfer of nationality

Will the Commission carry out a study of the interaction between the different nationality laws in Member States as they affect the transmission of nationality? In particular will it consider the possible effects of the proposed changes in British nationality law as they could affect "non-patrial" children born in Belgium to UK parents (i.e. third generation born outside the UK)?

5. Question by Mr ENRIGHT (H-622/80)

Subject: Proposed British Nationality Law

Is the Commission aware that the British Government has made proposals in a White Paper on Nationality Law which would deprive the children, born of British citizens living abroad, of British nationality and would also create five different forms of nationality?

As this is clearly against the Convention on Human Rights to which the British Government is a signatory and also against the principles of free movement and establishment as laid down in the EEC Treaties, is the Commission prepared to ask the British Government to reconsider these proposals?

6. Question by Mrs FUILLET (H-617/80)

Subject: Selection of non-quota section projects for the special five-year ERDF programme

Why has the Commission not included the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region in its special five-year programme, since this region has to cope with the very problems used as selection criteria, namely vulnerability of the agricultural sector, weakness of the industrial sector, unemployment and a low level of economic activity?

7. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-618/80)

Subject: Exchange rate levels and problems with exports

Is the Commission aware that many exporters in certain European countries are finding it difficult to compete on international markets because of the high value of certain currencies and would it not agree that this is an unfortunate effect of the European monetary system?

8. Question by Mr ANSQUER (H-620/80)

Subject: Common strategy towards Japan

In the light of Japan's commercial expansionism does the Commission not think that a political response should be envisaged which would enable the Community interests to be protected?

9. Question by Mr REMILLY (H-621/80)

Subject: Industrial cooperation strategy

Has the Commission observed any progress in intra-Community industrial cooperation in recent months?

If so, in which sectors has this progress made itself most felt?

10. Question by Mr BALFE (H-634/80)

Subject: Beef held at EEC intervention stores

Can the Commission state how many tons of beef are currently held at EEC intervention stores, what proportion do they expect to be exported with subsidies and can the Commission state the comparable figures for one year ago?

Does the Commission accept that this meat could be better used by making provision for it to be supplied cheaply to those education authorities who provide school meals?

11. Question by Mr VIE (H-638/80)

Subject: Freedom of establishment for gynaecologists

Can the Commission explain the criteria on which the introduction of freedom of establishment for medical practitioners, and more particularly gynaecologists was based?

Is it aware that by this action it is causing the disappearance of the speciality of general gynaecology, which numbers 900 practitioners in France and does not exist in all other EEC countries?

12. Question by Mr ISRAEL (H-645/80)

Subject: Euro-Arab dialogue and the energy problem

How does the Commission account for the fact that, within the context of the Euro-Arab dialogue, no committee has been set up to deal with the crucial problem of energy, either as a general issue or more specifically in terms of energy supply?

13. Question by Mr TURCAT (H-647/80)

Subject: Energy saving in industry

What results have been achieved by the Commission's measures to promote energy saving in industry, either through waste heat recuperation or through the use of new, less energy-consuming processes and the modification of existing processes?

14. Question by Sir Fred WARNER (H-662/80)

Subject : Aid for hurricane damage

What is the approximate proportion of money committed under the above headings, in 1980, to non-associated territories, ACP countries, French Departments d'Outremer, areas of Europe within the Community?

15. Question by Mr PEARCE (H-606/80)

Subject : ACP Sugar

In view of the difficulties currently being faced by the cane sugar refining industry in the United Kingdom, which could lead to their no longer being able to refine imports into the Community of ACP sugar, would the Commission be willing to make proposals for the price which the U.K. cane sugar refiners pay for imports of raw sugar to be reduced and for payments to be made from the European Development Fund to producers of raw cane sugar to make up the difference between such reduced U.K. import price and a reasonable return for producers, bearing in mind the STABEX system which is designed to meet somewhat similar objectives?

16. Question by Mr CURRY (H-613/80)

Subject: National aids to farmers

Does the Commission consider the national aid of 4.1 billion francs promised by the French Government to its farmers to be legal under EEC rules; what discussions have taken place with the French Government and if the aid is in contravention to the rules what does the Commission intend to do about it?

17. Question by Mr HUTTON (H-619/80)

Subject: Commun agricultural policy

What role does the Commission see for forestry in the development of the commun agricultural policy?

18. Question by Mr GALLAND (H-661/80)

Subject: Implementation of strict standards for earthquake-proof buildings

Following El Asnam, Naples and Lucania will the Commission be seeking to impose strict regulations on earthquake-proof construction for all types of buildings in the Community in order to limit substantially the extent of disasters? Can the Commission also state what would be the financial impact of such regulations on building costs?

19. Question by Sir Peter VANNECK (H-663/80)

Subject: Tariffs applied to imports of defence and defence-related equipment from USA

Have any Member States waived the tariffs on imports of defence and defence-related equipment manufactured in USA?

20. Question by Mr NORMANTON (H-666/80)

Subject: Education for management

In the light of the resolution of the Annual Report of the ACP/EEC Consultative Assembly Meeting in Luxembourg on 24/26 September 1980, when will the Commission be in a position to make proposals for the establishment of a Business and Management College for the Lomé States?

21. Question by Mr ALBERS (H-675/80)

Subject : Port authorities of Le Havre

How has it been made possible for the port authorities of Le Havre to offer special advantages to third countries in the form of a free trade zone with sheds for the storage of goods?

22. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-677/80)

Subject : Cheaper off-peak air fares

In view of the strong demand for substantially cheaper off-peak air fares by people who do not need to travel at a specific time of day, what action does the Commission propose to take to encourage the adoption of such proposals as the British Caledonian Miniprix scheme?



23. Question by Mr COLLA (H-680/80)

Subject : Policy on ports

According to the Commission, what are the results of the discussions which have been taking place for several years between the Commission and the seaports to establish to what extent there is a need for a European policy on ports, and in this context can the Commission confirm that the 'Seaports' division of the Directorate-General for Transport is being closed down ?

24. Question by Mr NEWTON DUNN (H681/80)

Subject: Results of Dough-Milling Test in United Kingdom

Is the Commission completely satisfied with the results produced by the dough-milling test in the United Kingdom, and if not, what proposals does the Commission have for making the test more appropriate there?

25. Question by Mrs LIZIN (H-682/80)

Subject: Harmonisation of third-party liability ceilings for nuclear power station operators

With reference to the Commission's answer of 30 October 1980 to Written Question No. 1167/80 by Mr Damseaux<sup>1</sup> which showed that the ceiling on third-party liability of nuclear plant operators varies in the Member States from 6,234,932 EUA in Italy to 156,347,260 EUA in the Federal Republic of Germany, will the Commission consider drawing up a proposal for a Council regulation aimed at the harmonisation of the liability ceiling throughout the Community so as to establish an adequate minimum ceiling in the interests both of fair competition and of the well-being of the Community's citizens?

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<sup>1</sup> O.J. No. C 312, 29.11.1980, p. 43

26. Question by Mr TUCKMAN (H-683/80)

Subject: VAT threshold for small firms

Is the Commission satisfied with the existing threshold embodied in the Sixth VAT Directive for the exemption of small firms from paying VAT and keeping records?

27. Question by Mr SEEFELD (H-684/80)

Subject : Uniform passport

What difficulties are still being raised by EC Member States, and if so by which States, to the introduction of a uniform passport for all EC citizens and what action is being taken to achieve at long last this perceptible expression of unification?

28. Question by Mr CRONIN (H-685/80)

Subject: "Structures" or "rural development"

In February 1979, the President of the Commission, Mr. Roy Jenkins proposed that the term "agricultural structures"<sup>1</sup> should be replaced by the term "rural development". Does the Commission intend to implement this suggestion?

29. Question by Mr DAVERN (H-686/80)

Subject: Serious shortage in Ireland of winter fodder for livestock

As a direct result of the bad summer in Ireland in 1980, many Irish farmers have insufficient winter fodder and may be forced to sell their livestock with unforeseeable disastrous consequences. What steps can the Commission take to avoid such a disaster?

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O.J. No. 239, Debates of the European Parliament, p. 34

30. Question by Miss DE VALERA (H-687/80)

Subject: Secretarial jobs at risk

What steps does the Commission believe should be taken to avoid a situation where up to five million secretaries (1) in Europe over the next 10 years could become redundant as a result of the introduction of micro-technology, particularly the use of small computers, word processors, facsimile machines and computerised telephone terminals?

31. Question by Mr FLANAGAN (H-688/80)

Subject: Constraints upon investment activity

Will the Commission give a detailed explanation of its comment that "experience has shown, at least in some Member States, that the lack of mature projects and delay of administrative procedures often exert a more effective constraint upon investment activity than the availability of funds?" (2)

32. Question by Mr LALOR (H-689/80)

Subject: Limiting oil supplies

Can the Commission state what will be the likely effect on Community oil supplies of the recently announced Saudi Arabian limit to its oil production of 10 million barrels a day?

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(1) International Labour Office Report, published 13.11.1980.

(2) Annual Economic Report 1980-81. Com(80) 596 Final, p. 12

33. Question by Ms CLWYD (H-695/80)

Subject: Beef

There is reported to be 20 000 tons of beef in store in the U.K. alone. According to a statement of Michael Silver, President of the Imported Meat Trade Association, it should be possible to sell cheap meat from Common Market stores to schools, hospitals and to pensioners.

In view of the high cost of storage and the proportion of the common agricultural policy spent on storage, would the Commission care to take up the suggestion?

34. Question by Mr LYNGE (H-696/80)

Subject : Translation of official documents into the language  
of Greenland

On 1 November 1980 the Greenland Government took over responsibility for the section of the European Community sea situated within 200 nautical miles of the coast of Greenland.

Will the Commission arrange for the translation into the language of Greenland of all official documents concerning the future fisheries policy?

35. Question by Mr BANGEMANN (H-700/80)

Subject : Control of butter exports to the Soviet Union

How does the Commission propose to bring the export of butter to the Soviet Union under control when food preparations (CCT Heading - 2.107.G.Vll.Vlll) consisting of 70% butter and 30% cocoa butter can still be exported with a refund rate of 146.48 ECU per 100 kg. ?

36. Question by Mrs EWING (H-701/80)

Subject: Common fisheries policy

Will the Commission comment on the up-to-date situation in negotiation for a common fisheries policy?

37. Question by Mr MEGAHY (H-703/80)

Subject: Allocation of portfolios

To what extent were there any representations by Heads of Government of Member States in respect of the allocation of portfolios to Member of the new Commission?

38. Question by Mr NICOLSON (H-710/80)

Subject: The European Foundation

The question of setting up a European Foundation, the principle object of which was to provide resources to spread knowledge of and support for the European Community, was last discussed at a Foreign Affairs Council in December 1978 and no conclusions were reached. Can the Commission tell me if it is intended to proceed with these proposals or if not what plans are to improve understanding of the Community by the peoples both of the Member States and of other countries and is the Commission aware that as a result of a spontaneous initiative a trust is being formed to improve mutual understanding between the peoples of the North America and the European Community?

39. Question by Mr PAISLEY (H-711/80)

Subject: Agricultural industry of Northern Ireland

In view of the fact that conditions peculiar to Northern Ireland Agriculture, particularly in relation to the price of feedstuffs, mean that in the past year Northern Ireland farmers earned £ 42 million less than they would have earned if they were accorded the same level of return as their counterparts on the United Kingdom mainland, will the Commission undertake a study of the problems of the agricultural industry of Northern Ireland with a view to recommending special measures of assistance and special provisions in the annual price review?

40. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-713/80)

Subject: Projects undertaken with the aid of Community finance

Is the Commission prepared to encourage measures to ensure that in those municipalities of the Member States where projects are undertaken with the aid of Community finance this fact is brought to the knowledge of the public by means of headings erected on there borders or by other methods?

41. Question by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI (H-716/80)

Subject: 'Water Decade' proclaimed by the World Health Organization

What contribution does the Commission intend to make to the 1981/1990 'Water decade' proclaimed by the World Health Organization, either as regards fostering an awareness of and safeguarding the water resources of the ten Member States or as regards technical and financial assistance for the developing countries in the location and rational use of water resources?

42. Question by Mr PEDINI (H-719/80)

Subject: European School

On 3 December 1980 the Administrative Board of the European School in Luxembourg decided, against the democratically expressed views of the majority of parents and pupils, to introduce a substantial change in the school timetable. As about 70% of the European School budget is financed by subsidies from the Community budget, did the Commission representative take account of the wishes of those concerned and did he consult the other Institutions before expressing an opinion on the subject? Further, is such a change feasible, given the teaching and welfare (canteen, transport, etc) provision at the European School?

43. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-720/80)

Subject: Commission portfolios

In the interest of ensuring a fresh approach to the Community's problems, does the Commission believe that a Commissioner should not retain the same portfolio for a second four year term?

44. Question by Mr COTTRELL (H-721/80)

Subject: "Cassis de Dijon" judgement

With regard to what has become known as the "Cassis de Dijon" judgement by the European Court (case reference 120/78) have the Commission fully considered the implications of this decision concerning domestic food standards legislation prevailing within individual Member States? If so, what do it expect such implications to be and would the Commission accept that one possible affect could be the derogation of standards in general - and in that event, what proposals will the Commission make in the near future to take this into account?

45. Question by Mr HOPPER (H-722/80)

Subject: Loans made by the Commission

What efforts have been made to recover loans made by the Commission which are in default?

46. Question by Mr FISCHBACH (h-723/80)

Subject: Right of certain EEC officials to hold office in local government

Although under the staff regulations of officials of the European Communities the post of official of the European Communities is in no way incompatible with the holding of a local government office, officials are not allowed time off work to deal with local government business or attend local government meetings in the day-time.

Is the Commission therefore prepared to follow the example of the national authorities and enable Community officials to hold political offices compatible with the staff regulations by allowing them to take time off work to the extent that their office requires?

47. Question by Mr FERNANDEZ (H-731/80)

Subject: Petrol prices in Member States

Can the Commission list comparative pump prices for petrol in the 10 Member States and explain the disparities? Can it explain, in particular, why it is that certain Member States, such as Belgium, are reducing the price of petrol while others, such as France, are increasing it, allegedly because of the rising price of oil?



48. Question by Mrs DE MARCH (H-732/80)

Subject: Resumption of food aid supplies for Vietnam

Can the Commission give details of relations between the EEC and Vietnam with respect to food aid, in particular since its decision to suspend the supply of food aid to this country?

49. Question by Mrs ROUDY (H-733/80)

Subject: Gynaecology in France

Hitherto gynaecology has been an independent area of specialization in French medicine distinct from obstetrics.

However, France, interpreting the principle of harmonization in a highly individualistic manner, may well delete gynaecology from the list of specialisms recognized in France.

Could the Commission say what position France adopted on this matter when it forwarded the list of specialisms recognized in France and whether it does not consider it necessary to maintain gynaecology as an independent specialism distinct from obstetrics?

50. Question by Mrs DESMOND (H-736/80)

Subject: Aid from Community Disaster Fund for the Blackwater Valley,  
Munster

Can the Commission state whether the Irish Government has applied for aid for the Blackwater valley area in Munster, Ireland, which was recently devastated by serious flooding?

51. Question by Mr KAVANAGH (H-737/80)

Subject: Crisis in Irish Fertiliser Industry

Is the Commission aware of the current crisis in the Irish fertiliser industry, particularly serious in view of the important role played by this industry in the Irish economy, both in agriculture and in providing jobs; what aid can be made available by the Commission to support this essential industry, and what measures can be applied to ensure the prevention of redundancies already threatened?

52. Question by Mr MAHER (H-742/80)

Subject: The setting up of a task force to control inflation in the different countries of the Community

Since Community policies are becoming less and less meaningful to those people in Member States where inflation is out of control, would the Commission be prepared to set up a task force to advise on how this problem can be more effectively controlled?

53. Question by Mrs T. NIELSEN (H-750/80)

Subject: State option to purchase Danish North Sea oil

Will the Commission examine the Danish Government's imposition of a State option to purchase Danish North Sea oil to determine whether it is in the spirit of EEC cooperation and compatible with the provision of the Treaty of Rome that competition within the Community should not be distorted?

54. Question by Mr BONDE (H-744/80)

Subject: Regional development in Denmark

Will the Commission alter its decision so that Kalundborg can continue to enjoy the status of recognized development area?

55. Question by Mr COLLINS (H-746/80)

Subject: Protection of public from sub-standard seeds

Will the Commission agree that while its action to protect the public from the risk of buying sub-standard seeds is laudable in some ways in itself, it has the side effect of destroying many of the traditional species of plant which have been available to gardeners and horticulturalists experiencing difficult and variable growing environments; and will the Commission therefore indicate whether or not it is likely to be its intention to stimulate research in this area with a view to ensuring continued production many of the traditional varieties of vegetable which have excellent qualities which commend them to non-commercial growers?

56. Question by Mr DONNEZ (H-747/80)

Subject: Application of Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty to the steel industry

Can the Commission confirm reports to the effect that for the first quarter of 1981 certain European steel producers obtained an increase in their production quotas on the grounds that they had made an omission in their production declarations for the previous years?

57. Question by Mr BOYES (H-749/80)

Subject: Steel anti-crisis plans

Would the Commission state why its anti-crisis measures for the steel industry are not working in all steel-producing Member States, e.g. the industry in the U.K. is under pressure because of cheap steel imports from other EEC countries?

58. Question by Ms QUIN (H-751/80)

Subject: Council regulation establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom

In Article 2 of the proposal for a Council regulation establishing supplementary measures in favour of the United Kingdom, submitted by the Commission to the Council on 12 June 1980, housing in the public sector was mentioned as a possible beneficiary of these supplementary measures. In the final regulation (27 October 1980) this reference was omitted. What were the reasons for this omission from the final regulation?





62. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-660/80)

Subject: European passport

May we hope that 1981 will see the introduction of the European passport, in line with the decision taken by the European Council at its meeting at the end of 1974, some six years ago?

63. Question by Mrs LIZIN (H-625/80)

Subject: Regulation on the siting of nuclear power stations  
on borders

Can the Council indicate what steps it intends to take to expedite the adoption of this regulation for which Parliament has demanded priority treatment and which the Council, under the Luxembourg Presidency, has promised on many occasions to deal with but has not done so?

64. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-640/80)

Subject: Commission Portfolios

At it is the responsibility of the Commission to produce proposals for Council and Parliament consideration and be the "powerhouse of ideas" for the Community does the Council believe that the Community is well served if a Commissioner retains a portfolio for too long, for example, over four years?

65.

Question by Mr BØGH (H-642/80)

Subject: Respect for human rights in Spain

From a report just published by Amnesty International, it appears that torture is still being practised in Spain during interrogations in prisons run by the police and the civil guard, that prisoners are being detained without judicial sanction and that the complaints of those who are ill-treated are being ignored by the authorities.

With reference to the joint declaration by Parliament, the Council and the Commission of 5 April 1977 on the Member States' commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms, I would like to ask whether the Spanish Government has been apprised of this declaration, and what effects the abovementioned report will have on future negotiations regarding Spain's accession?

66.

Question by Mr TURCAT (H-648/80)

Subject: European industrial market

Following the rather vague discussions and declarations of principle of the European Council of 1 and 2 December 1980 on the fragmentation of industrial markets within the European Community, what more specific guidelines does the Council intend to lay down in order to create a European industrial market, both by encouraging closer links between industrialists from the various Member States and by promoting a favourable financial and legal climate and possibly also by adopting a number of joint protection measures?

67.

Question by Mr PAISLEY (H-650/80)

Subject: Northern Ireland textile industry

In view of the extremely serious situation in the entire textile industry in Northern Ireland, which has been severely aggravated by cheap imports from non-EEC countries, what progress has been made in agreeing measures to protect our textile industry?



68. Question by Mrs EWING (H-705/80)

Subject: 1981 - Year of the Handicapped

Will the President-in-Office state what action the Council proposes to take to mark 1981 as the Year of the Handicapped?

69. Question by Mr HUTTON (H-644/80)

Subject: Attendance of Council members at part-sessions

Will the President-in-Office seek the agreement of the Council to the constructive proposal made by M. Gaston Thorn at question-time on 19 November 1980<sup>1</sup> that the President-in-Office should at part-sessions be accompanied by colleagues from other Member States in the Council, at the level of ministers or junior ministers, in order to assure a closer and more continuous relationship between Council and Parliament?

70. Question by Mr VIE (H-649/80)

Subject: Rejection of social measures to assist workers in  
the European steel industry

At its meetings in November the Council rejected all the proposed social measures for workers in the European steel industry. How can it justify this hostility towards workers in this sector who have been particularly hard hit by the crisis?

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<sup>1</sup> Provisional edition of debates, 19.11.1980, p. 195

71. Question by Mr SELIGMAN (H-664/80)

Subject: A new international effort to increase energy production

The Venice Summit called for a major international effort to help the developing countries increase their energy production and expressed the belief that this view was gaining ground among oil exporting countries. What steps have the foreign ministers taken to implement this call in their dialogue with oil exporting countries?

72. Question by Mr ISRAEL (H-668/80)

Subject: Human rights and political cooperation

Does the Council consider that questions relating to the international safeguarding of human rights fall within the scope of political cooperation?

If so, do not the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation have a moral duty to reply to Members' questions concerning respect for human rights throughout the world?

73. Question by Mr COLLINS (H-669/80)

Subject: European Foundation

What further steps have been taken to ensure the establishment in Paris of the European Foundation on the basis agreed by the European Council and what arrangements are the Council currently making to further this proposal?

74. Question by Ms CLWYD (H-670/80)

Subject: Beef

There is reported to be 20 000 tons of beef in store in the U.K. alone. According to a statement of Michael Silver, President of the Imported Meat Trade Association, it should be possible to sell cheap meat from Common Market Stores to schools, hospitals and to pensioners.

In view of the high cost of storage and the proportion of the common agricultural policy spent on storage, would the Council care to take up the suggestion?

75. Question by Mr DELATTE (H-673/80)

Subject : Supply of foodstuffs to Poland

The Council decided in Brussels on 15 and 18 December 1980 to supply foodstuffs to Poland at prices 15% below world levels, the cost of this wholly justified operation to the Community being estimated at 30 m EUA; which policy does the Council consider this operation to fall under, and consequently to which budget heading will the expenditure of 30 m EUA be charged?

76. Question by Mr MARSHALL (H-674/80)

Subject : Arab boycott

In view of the fact that the Arab boycott strikes at two fundamental Community principles, namely freedom of trade and respect for individual's religion, can the Council indicate what proposals it has to counteract the boycott especially as U.S. anti boycott legislation has been successful ?

77. Question by Mr ALBERS (H-676/80)

Subject : Visa requirements for Turkish workers

In view of the particularly prejudicial effects involved, will the Council endeavour to bring about a change in the policy pursued by several Member States concerning the obligation for Turkish workers to obtain visas, especially those who, by virtue of their many years of residence in the Community and their contribution to productivity, deserve to be regarded as fellow European citizens and to be given permanent work and residence permits?

78. Question by Mr CRONIN (H-690/80)

Subject: Support for projects of Community interest in transport infrastructure

Will the Council indicate what progress it is making in relation to the provision of Community support for projects of Community interest in the field of transport infrastructure?

79. Question by Mr LALOR (H-693/80)

Subject: Alternative sources of oil supplies

In the event of greatly reduced oil supplies from Iraq and Iran resulting from the present conflict in those countries what sources of alternative oil supplies can the European Community rely upon?

80. Question by Mr SCHWARTZENBERG (H-706/80)

Subject : Improvement of the 'Luns-Westerterp' procedure.

Is the Council prepared to improve the procedure for consultation with the European Parliament on external Community agreements instituted under the presidency of Dutch Ministers, Luns and Westerterp?

81. Question by Mr DELEAU (H-708/80)

Subject: Effect of the postponement of decisions on the financing of the social aspects of the iron and steel industry restructuring plan

Has the Council been able to assess the effect on employment of the postponement of its decisions regarding the financing of the social aspects of the iron and steel industry restructuring plan?

82. Question by Mr OEHLER (H-712/80)

Subject: Applications for loans under Article 56 of the ECSC Treaty

In October 1980 the governments of three Member States, namely France, the United Kingdom and Belgium, applied to the Commission, pursuant to Article 56 of the ECSC Treaty for loans of 300 million u.a., 140 million u.a. and 160 to 180 million u.a. respectively. Would the Council explain how the Community can grant such loans at a time when certain governments are refusing to pay their contribution to the budgets recently adopted and why the Council, although the matter has been referred to it on several occasions by the Commission, has still not been able to take a decision?

83. Question by Lord DOURO (H-715/80)

Subject: Jamaica

What steps are the Council taking to provide aid to the new Jamaican Government?

84. Question by Mrs FOURCADE (H- 717/80)

Subject: Transparency of the market in energy products

Insofar as it is the Community's aim to introduce a genuine energy policy, does the Council not feel that it should gradually gain better control over the supply of and demand for energy products and that, consequently, all information likely to influence the state of the market should be readily accessible?

85. Question by Mr COUSTE (H-718/80)

Subject: Capturing the market for integrated circuits

Does the Council intend to provide the aids which are indispensable for promoting a genuine market in high-capacity semi-conductors in Europe and which will enable Europe to make a major step forward in the field of data-processing and telecommunications?

86. Question by Mr HERMAN (H-729/80)

Subject: Decision on the place(s) of work of the European Parliament

Given the obvious importance of this question for the smooth running of the European Parliament, will the Council give an assurance that it will make appropriate contacts with the latter in good time before the Conference of Representatives of the Governments of the Member States takes a final decision on the place(s) of work of the European Parliament?

87. Question by Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS (H-734/80)

Subject: EEC officials salaries

Can the Council explain how it has got itself into such an appalling mess, such as breaking undertakings which should never have been entered into and granting salary increases while calling on Member States not to do so?

88. Question by Mr ANSQUER (H-739/80)

Subject: Introduction of an 'EEC' mark

When does the Council intend to introduce a special 'EEC' mark?

89. Question de Mr PRAG (H-740/80)

Subject: European Foundation

Would the President-in-Office state what steps the Council intends to take to implement the decision of the Heads of Government of the Community, meeting in the European Council of March 26, 1977, to set up a European Foundation intended to assist the promotion of greater public understanding of European integration?

90. Question by Mr HÄNSCH (H-741/80)

Subject: Independence of Commissioner Tugendhat

Can the Council confirm press reports that during a Commission meeting the British Prime Minister made a telephone call to the President of the Commission at the request of the British Commissioner, Mr Tugendhat, seeking a particular allocation of responsibilities to his advantage and claiming that the allocation of the duties in question to the Irish Commissioner, Mr O'Kennedy, would be a 'slight to the United Kingdom'?

Does the Council agree that in view of this incident Commissioner Tugendhat's independence - a quality required of Commissioners by Article 10 of the Merger Treaty - is no longer 'beyond doubt' and is it therefore prepared to request that Commissioner Tugendhat be compulsorily retired pursuant to Article 13 of the Merger Treaty?

91. Question by Mr BONDE (H-743/80)

Subject: Regional development in Denmark.

Will the Council see to it that the Commission is deprived of its possibilities for interfering in Danish regional development so as to allow the Danish authorities themselves to decide whether or not they wish to grant regional development aid to Kalundborg and other areas of unemployment in Denmark?





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92. Question by Mr PAISLEY (H-633/80)

Subject: Extradition

What progress has been made in securing a common system of extradition throughout the Community?

93. Question by Mr MORELAND (H-641/80)

Subject: The Release of Rudolf Hess

Do the foreign ministers support the release from Spandau jail of Rudolf Hess and place pressure on the Government of the USSR to obtain his release?

94. Question by Mr BERKHOUWER (H-659/80)

Subject: Diplomatic relations between Greece and Israel

Do not the Foreign Ministers agree that it is incumbent upon the Greek Government, now that Greece - since 1 January 1981 - is a full member of the Community, to normalize its diplomatic relations with Israel so that all Member States of the Community maintain identical diplomatic relations with Israel, a country which is linked with the Community through a cooperation agreement? If so, are they prepared to take initiatives to bring about this normalization?

95. Question by Ms CLWYD (H-671/80)

Subject: Inadmissibility of questions for Question Time

In view of the confusion in question time of the last session (Wednesday December 17), when the President in Office ruled that questions tabled for answer were inadmissible, would he now explain which questions to the foreign ministers cannot be answered by the foreign ministers?

96. Question by Mr SCHWENCKE (H-678/80)

Subject: Secret plan for the Middle East

Can the Foreign Ministers confirm the existence of a secret plan for the Middle East - as reported in the Belgium newspaper 'Le Soir' of 27 December 1980 - which interprets the 'Venice Declaration' by nine Heads of State or Government in a way which is even more radically prejudicial to the State of Israel?

97. Question by Mrs EWING (H/702/80)

Subject: The granting of emigration visas to Soviet Jews

In view of the huge drop in the number of Jews granted emigration visas in the Soviet Union (from 51 320 in 1979 to 21 471 in 1980 - a reduction of 58%), in view of the huge increase in families who have applied to leave and in view of the almost total cessation of visas granted to long-term "refusniks", will the foreign ministers state this matter was raised at Madrid and, if so, what assurances, if any, were given on this matter.

98. Question by Lord DOURO (H-714/80)

Subject: Jamaica

Since the election of a pro-Western Government in Jamaica, what steps have the foreign ministers taken to support a country which has been left nearly bankrupt?

99. Question by Mr Vlachopoulos (H-724/80)

Subject: Measures against terrorism

As we all know, the wave of violence and terrorism grows incessantly and human life and dignity are daily imperilled by anarchists and terrorists of every kind who blackmail governments and peoples - as in the recent example of the Italian judge who was kidnapped - with the result that law and order are paralysed while the law of the jungle prevails.

Since this problem is world-wide and also affects the Member States of the EEC, should it not form the subject of a discussion between the Foreign Ministers of the ten Member States with a view to finding a common basic response to this danger either through the imposition of a uniform penalty (reintroducing the death penalty for people convicted of terrorism and political kidnappings) or through the creation of a common criminal pursuit agency capable of combating and stamping out organized crime?

100. Question by Mr BOYES (H-748/80)

Subject: Contacts with non-aligned countries

In view of the important role played by a member of the group of non-aligned countries in a difficult international problem and the reply by Mr Gaston Thorn to my previous question at the November 1980 part-session would the President-in-Office state whether he intends to meet the chairman (or his representatives) of the non-aligned countries during his term of office?